terms of the dispensation mentioned at (a) above and they will revert to their respective cadres on completion of the extended tenure.

Preliminary Examination in other Indian Languages

2530. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the preliminary examination of the Civil Services Examination is conducted only in English and Hindi;

(b) whether Government would conduct the preliminary examination in all the Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India from the coming year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Accoring to the plan of the Civil Services Examination, the Preliminary Examination consists of two papers—Paper I on General Studies and Paper II on one of the subjects to be selected by the candidates from the list of optional subjects. In this examination, the candidates are not required to write answers in any language medium but are only required to select the right answer from the given choices and indicate the same in the answer sheet. The question papers (test Booklets) for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination are printed bilingually in Hindi and English.

Distribution of Civil Services Vancancies amongest States

2531. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Staff Selection Commission makes region-wise selection for several posts, such as Inspectors of Income Tax, Customs and Central Excise;

(b) whether Government would consider distributing the vacancies in the Civil Services like IAS, IPS etc. State-wise, in proportion to population of each State and select candidates on inter-se merit; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above of the question be in the negative, whether the present system is not against the spirit of federation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Reservations for Physically Handicapped in Civil Services

2532. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any proposal to issue concessions and reservations to physically handicapped persons in the Civil Services examinations; and

(b) whether Government would pass necessary orders to reserve and earmark 3 per cent reservation to physically handicapped persons in the Civil Services Examinations?